



City of Wichita DISTRICT V NEWS

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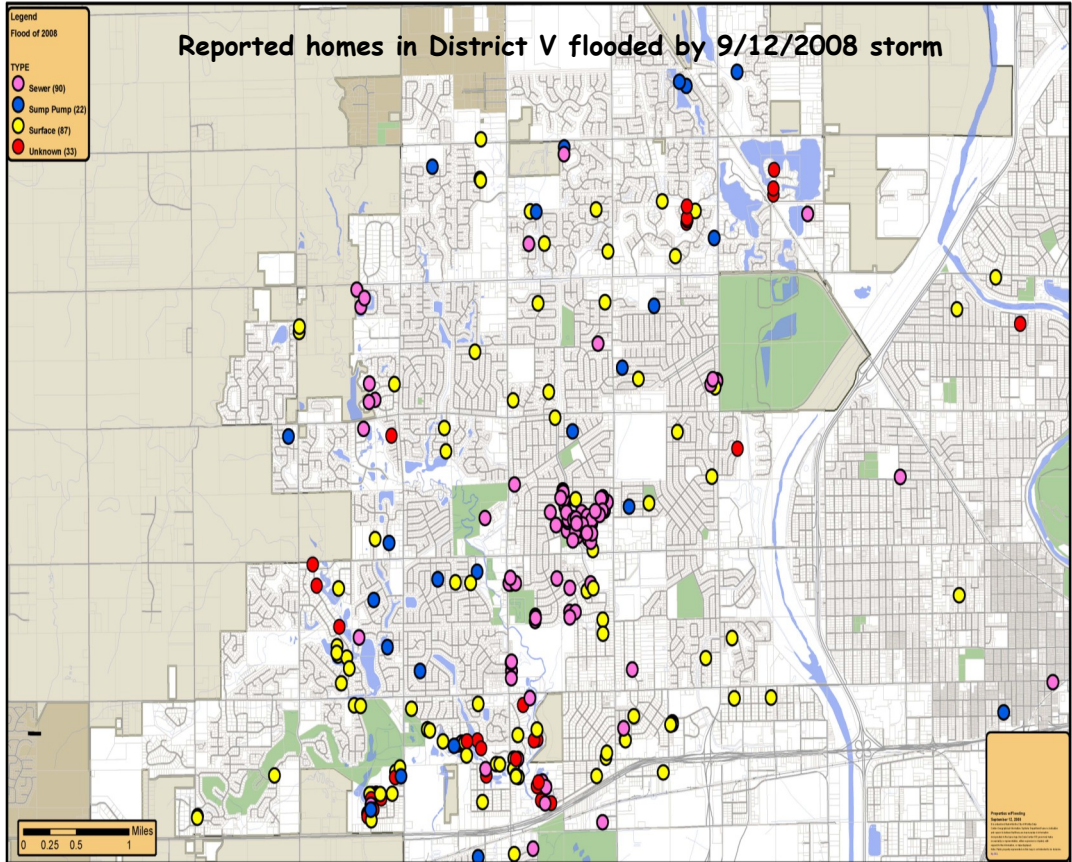
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West Wichita seeks relief from September flood

On September 12th, 2008 Wichita was hit with a rain storm that made the record books. Twenty- four hour depth data showed that Wichita received between 6.73 and 11.1 inches of rain with an average of 8.3 inches. Reports near Cadillac Lakes, 29th and Maize Rd., showed rainfall received exceeding 8.9 inches all the way up to 12 inches in some areas. City workers spent many hours assisting residents in evacuation efforts, including a neighborhood near the Calfskin and a Nursing Home at Central and Maize Rd., barricading streets, and clearing water and sewer lines. Most effected were the neighborhoods of The Dell, Hidden Lakes, Westlink Village 2nd, Wheatridge and Sherwood Glen Addition 4.

The City set up a 24-hour number for residents and business owners to submit information about flood losses throughout the week. Citizens who called the special number were asked to report their address and leave information regarding the extent of damage, the cause of damage (surface water, sump pump failures or sewage backup), and flood insurance coverage.

A total of 4060 staff hours were spent and damage estimates exceeded 2.8 million for public property. Information was gathered and submitted by Sedgwick County Emergency Management for all of Sedgwick County asking FEMA to declare Wichita a Presidential Disaster Declaration Area and for federal dollars to assist residents and business' with their property losses.



Your District V
Representatives are:

CM Jeff Longwell

DAB Members:

Mike Hill

Mike Bell

Dana Brown

Jay Buckmaster

Joey Ellzey

Jay Flinn

Bryan Frye

Darrell Leffew

Pat Ream

Kelly Watkins

Wendi White- see page 2

Logan Fritz—Youth

**District Advisory Board
Meeting**

Auburn Hills Golf Course

443 W 135th St West


6:30 p.m.

Meets the 1st Monday of
every month.


For updates visit
www.wichita.gov

Please join Council-
member Jeff Longwell
and his guest, Michael
Vinson, Director of
Transit, for doughnuts
and coffee at 9:30 a.m.
on Saturday, December
6th at the NEW Family
Health and Rehabilita-
tion Center of Kansas on
Maize Rd, just North of
Kellogg.






City of Wichita, District V Project UPDATE! West Kellogg Project: Preliminary engineering is underway for a design to convert Kellogg from an expressway to a freeway from 143rd Street west to 111th Street west. This project is a continuation of the project that was approved by the City Council on November 3, 1998. Proposed is a six-lane freeway with grade separation at 119th and 135th with frontage roads providing access to adjacent properties.



The machines are busy digging and moving dirt for the Cadillac Lake flood mitigation project



Fire Station # 21 construction is moving along for a Spring 2009 opening

YOUR District V Advisory Board

Ever wonder what the story is behind your District 5 Advisory Board members? Here is one of them:

Wendi White: appointed to DAB 5 in September 2008. Wendi holds a Business Management degree from the University of Maryland-Overseas Division (graduated in Heidelberg, Germany). In 2003 she became a Massage Therapist and owns her own business called, Caring Touch Massage. She is married to Kenny and has 2 daughters, Evynn and Makenna and two "bonus" sons named Colby and Chase. They all attend Maize schools and they are so much fun!

Wendi has been very involved in the Maize School District serving on many committees and site councils over the last seven years. Wendi believes in being an active participant in her children's education and her community so when the DAB position became available she saw it as another chance to serve and to learn. **"I want my children to be involved and proactive in all aspects of life so hopefully I am a good example for them."**

District V 2009 Meeting Dates

District V Advisory Board

Meets at 6:30 p.m.
Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse

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| January 5 th | July 6 th |
| February 2 nd | August 3 rd |
| March 2 nd | September 14 th * |
| April 6 th | October 5 th |
| May 4 th | November 2 nd |
| June 1 st | December 7 th |

*Scheduled the 2nd Monday of the month due to a Holiday

District V Community Breakfasts

9:30 a.m.
Location: TBA

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| March 7 th | September 12 th * |
| June 6 th | December 5 th |

*Scheduled the 2nd Saturday of the month due to a Holiday

Curious about what really takes place at a District Advisory Board Meeting? Ever think to yourself “As a Homeowner or Neighborhood Association representative, should I be attending these meetings”? There are different opinions about this. One is that it is your responsibility as your neighborhood representative to know what is happening, via City Government, in the area you reside. At the DAB meetings you will hear updates from your Community Police Officers and area Fire Department staff. You may hear a presentation from a City Department about flood control, finance, Park and Recreation or Cultural Arts. You will always have the opportunity to bring up a question or concern to the Board as well as Councilmember Longwell during the public comment section. Some concerns can be handled on the spot while others may need some further assistance within the city and will be responded to in the next couple of days. Most often you will hear a zoning or construction case review for a new or reconstructed building, sign, or community living plan. You will have the opportunity to make a comment on a case and be noted in the public record meeting minutes. Meetings usually last anywhere from 1- 3 hours depending on the agenda. You can come for just a part of the meeting or stay and enjoy the whole thing. Councilmember Longwell and DAB 5 board members enjoy getting large crowds and hearing from the public on district and city wide issues. **Please join them.**

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District V Distribution List

If you or anyone you know is interested in being added to our distribution list please call or send an e-mail to Megan Buckmaster

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Community Educator

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Your Connection : Megan Buckmaster is your Neighborhood Assistant. As your Neighborhood Assistant I am tasked with building, maintaining, and preserving stable, healthy and livable neighborhoods in the City of Wichita in partnership with community stakeholders. I am also here to keep the community informed, help identify resources, and communicate the needs of the community to Council Member Longwell and City staff. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Ask Jeff?

“Here to serve the community!”

Do you have questions for me? Would you like me to attend your Neighborhood or Homeowners Association meeting?

Give me a call at 268-4331 or send an e-mail to:
jlongwell@wichita.gov

I look forward to hearing from each of you in the near future and welcome you to join us at our monthly District Advisory Board meeting or breakfast.

Hope to see you soon!



Community Corner: On Saturday, September 27th a true “neighborhood partnership” was a success. The Westlink Neighborhood Association along with the City of Wichita Fire Department, Community Police, and Office of Central Inspection spent the day cleaning up trash in the Westlink neighborhoods. At the end of the day trash filled four packer trash trucks completely stuffed, one tire truck and two large dumpsters. All three packer trucks and volunteer truck helpers started on the streets promptly at 8:30 am and the last packer truck left about 1:20 pm. One resident had to say about the cleanup: **“I am convinced that this project built more awareness of Westlink Neighborhood Association and neighborliness than any other project or meeting in the past.”** Thanks to the Westlink Association for their commitment to cleaner neighborhoods in West Wichita!

There are five Neighborhood Associations in District V: Delano Township, Calfskin, Sunridge, Westlink, and Whistling Walks. To learn more about these Neighborhood Associations log onto www.wichita.gov

District V/ City of Wichita Calendar of Meetings/ Events:

| December 2008 | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | 1 DAB V Meeting 6:30 p.m. Auburn Hills | 2 City Council Mtg and Workshop 9:00a.m.-City Hall | 3 | 4 Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting/ Night with Santa | 5 | 6 District V Break-fast- 9:30 a.m. 639 So. Maize Ct. |
| 7 | 8 | 9 City Council Mtg and Workshop 9:00a.m.-City Hall | 10 | 11 MAPC Meeting 1:30p.m. City Hall | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 City Council Mtg and Workshop 9:00a.m.-City Hall | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 City Council Workshop 9:30 a.m. City Hall | 24 | 25 Christmas Holiday City buildings closed | 26 Holiday- City buildings closed | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 5th Tuesday- No City Council Meeting | 31 | | | |

6-9 p.m. Kennedy Plaza/ Century II

| January 2009 | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | | 1 New Years- City buildings closed | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 DAB V Meeting 6:30 p.m. Auburn Hills | 6 City Council Mtg and Workshop 9:00a.m.-City Hall | 7 | 8 MAPC Meeting 1:30p.m. City Hall | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 City Council Mtg and Workshop 9:00a.m.-City Hall | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day- City buildings closed | 20 No City Council Meeting | 21 | 22 MAPC Meeting 1:30p.m. City Hall | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 City Council Workshop 9:30 a.m. City Hall | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

| February 2009 | | | | | | |
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| 8 | 9 | 10 City Council Mtg and Workshop 9:00a.m.-City | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 Presidents Day- City buildings closed | 17 No City Council Meeting | 18 | 19 MAPC Meeting 1:30p.m. City Hall | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 City Council Workshop 9:30 a.m. City Hall | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |